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HOLDS SCRIPTURE FALLIBLE

Doctrine of Plenary Inspiration and Infallibility of Scriptures the Tap Root of All Erroneous Teachings and Poor Counsels.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Rev. Dr. William C. Selleck, pastor of the First Baptist church, Providence, R. I., has just written a book, "The New Appearance of the Bible," issued yesterday by the Chicago University Press, in which he tears down many of the popular fancies of orthodox Christianity, lauds the higher criticism and presents a new view of the Bible's value. Many of his theories are identical with those of Professor George B. Foster, of the University of Chicago, whose recent volume, "The Finality of the Christian Religion," caused a stir in theological circles.

"By false methods of interpretation, or the absence of all method," his book says, "the Bible has been made to teach almost every conceivable doctrine and to support many a terrible wickedness—slavery, polygamy and the subjection of woman; and the tap root of all these erroneous teachings, darkening counsels and unholy sanctions has been the idea of the plenary inspiration and infallibility of the Scripture. Then Dr. Selleck declared the Bible should be considered merely as a piece of literature as a 'connection of ancient

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MANY WITNESSES SUMMONED

Other Officials Will Be Examined First, Laying the Foundation for Questions to be Asked of Harriman Himself.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Interstate Commerce Commission begins today an inquiry into the affairs of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railway systems, the underlying purpose of the investigation being to discover whether or not the two railway lines are natural competitors or whether there is an agreement between them that may be construed as in restraint of trade under the Sherman anti-trust law. The inquiry, it is said, will last many weeks and the commission will sit in a number of cities, going west from here. E. H. Harriman is expected to be the most important witness examined in this city. Mr. Harriman has been indisposed for several days, but it is said he will be able to appear when the commission requires his presence. The present plan is to have other witnesses testify first, laying the foundation for the questions which are to be propounded to Mr. Harriman.

All the various so-called "Harriman lines" in the West and Northwest, it is said, will be inquired into relative to any connection they may have with the Union and Southern Pacific. The hearings in this city are to be held at the Federal Building.

Among the witnesses who have been summoned are A. L. Mohler, vice president and general manager of the Union Pacific system; J. C. Stubbs, traffic director; Wm. Mahl, controller; Alexander Millar, secretary; W. V. S. Thorne, director of purchases and Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation, all of the same system.

Many of the facts pertaining to the inquiry are said to be matters of record and a number of sessions will probably be given over to the introduction of such documentary evidence as the commission shall require. In this connection the officers of the various "Harriman companies" will be called on to give testimony as to the composition of the different systems as shown in the annual reports. In addition to the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific the companies which will probably figure most prominently in the inquiry will be the Oregon Short Line, the Oregon Railway & Navigation Company and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake company.

There is also a report that as the inquiry develops the commission may call as a witness Mr. Harriman, the newly elected president of the Illinois Central Railroad. The entire scope of the investigation has not been announced for much. It is stated, will depend on the testimony produced in the early sessions.

MANILA MORE HEALTHY.

MANILA, Jan. 4. The quarantine officials have announced that an improvement of health conditions at this port renders daily contagious disease bulletin, issued for local and foreign port of customs unnecessary. It is the first time in four years that these conditions have prevailed.

CONVICT PROVES ALIBI.

BEDFORD, Ind., Jan. 4.—Prosecutor Fletcher of Lawrence county has finally decided that there is nothing in the confession made by George W. Harris, in which he said he was the slayer of Miss Sarah Schaefer, the Latin teacher of this city, on January 21, 1904. Harris will now be sent to the penitentiary to serve two to four years on another charge. According to Mr. Fletcher it has been positively determined that Harris was in the Ohio State prison on the date that the Schaefer murder occurred.

EXPERT IRRITATED.

Resigns After Difference of Opinion With Governor of Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 4.—F. A. Mollitor, the government's railroad expert, has tendered his resignation. It is understood that he was promoted to resign because Governor General Smith did not approve of his estimate of the cost per mile of railway construction

in Cebu. Governor Smith, it is said, would approve the plans after a change had been made changing the width of the roadbed. Governor Smith has declined to approve any estimates, preferring that an expert should oversee the work and then submit the cost. The matter is regarded as important for the reason that the government guarantees the indebtedness of railroads and Governor Smith desires to secure an economical construction.

FALSIFIED BOOKS.

Bookkeeper Accused of Embezzling Large Sums from Seed Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Fred L. Cleaves, former bookkeeper for the E. J. Bowen Seed Company, was arrested yesterday on three charges of felony and embezzlement. Osgood Putnam, manager of the estate, is the complaining witness. He states that the amount of money diverted by Cleaves will reach \$8,000. Cleaves was arrested before on a charge of forging a draft. This charge is still pending against him in Superior Court. The alleged peculations of Cleaves extend over a period of years. He was head bookkeeper for the Bowen Seed Company. He is accused of falsifying the books of the firm during that time and to have very often forged drafts of large sums of money.

BUILD SUMMER RESORT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—If the plans of the syndicate which bought Long Beach, L. I., are carried out, Long Beach may become a second Atlantic City. The syndicate is considering plans for transforming the island into a summer resort, which will represent a total investment of \$10,000,000. Cottages, hotels and board walks figured in the plans. Cincinnati capitalists are said to be interested.

STUDY JAPANESE ARMY.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Four officers of the general staff are to start for Japan for two years service in the Japanese army in order to study training, strategy and other matters. These officers have been making special preparations for this service, and they will take a course in Japanese and believe they can learn something in military science.

MAIL ILL-CARRIED.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Jan. 4.—Sir Joseph G. Ward, the premier, has announced that the San Francisco mail contract, which expired last November, will not be renewed pending a more satisfactory service and that in the meantime the steamship company will be paid only for the mails actually carried.

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